

Hello,

My name is Joshua Johnson, I am from New Haven, CT. Though, I was placed in the last group home I spent time at in Bridgeport, CT. I was granted the opportunity to be involved in a program called Youth Business Center(YBC) apart of FSW located on the east side of Bridgeport, CT. This program offered me tools to not only improve my work ethic but also strengthen myself as independent person. I have learned so much from this program , from working with my hands but most importantly working with my mind.

I credit the "Work to Learn Programs" because i benefited from getting the chance to work with the youth of my generation at non-profit organizations, internships at the community YMCA, and also further my resume in the workforce. These programs help educate those of DCF, to become more self responsible, mature, and set personal goals to achieve. Whether these goals are short or long term, each fellow kid of DCF I have known or met have grown tremendously in certain ways.

I am currently, in the process of achieving and proceeding a degree towards the career I want to pursue in the future. I attend Post University, in Waterbury, CT. Along with YBC & other work to learn programs apart of FSW, in particular Bethan Jackson who assist in these programs has helped me with so much. Currently, but also I am improving on become financially independent & secure with my finance. Everyday I am proud of the success that I have achieved so far but I can not forget or give credit to those whom has helped me in my journey. I look forward to these programs to keep existing kids of DCF and continue to change & have a great effect on those lives.